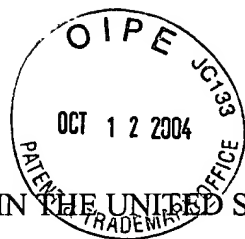


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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

In the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance, it is stated the Applicant's invention shows novelty over the cited prior art, Noguchi et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,163,345 in view of Cleron et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,223,213, by the combination of all the features of the independent claims with the features recited in dependent claim 27.

Cleron et al. (hereinafter "Cleron"), was specifically cited against the following original limitation of claim 20 as added in the response filed December 17, 2002 to the Office Action of September 17, 2002. Specifically, the limitation alleged to be disclosed by Cleron reads as follows:

...in response to determining said message does correspond to said predetermined type:
formatting and presenting said message according to a first format, wherein said first format includes a min message and at least one selectable option, said option being received in said received email message;
presenting information related to the option in response to detecting said option is selected; and

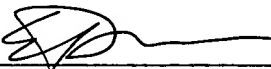
determining whether a reply message identifying the selected option is to be transmitted.

However, as verified by the Examiner, the Cleron reference is not a valid reference against the present application. Specifically, the present application claimed a priority date of April 8, 1998 based on two U.S. Provisional Patent Applications nos. 06/081,095 and 06/081,046, as indicated in the section titled "Related Applications." The earliest date as of which the Cleron reference qualifies as a reference under 35 USC 102 is its US filing date of July 31, 1998. Accordingly, Applicant wishes to place on record the lack of validity of the Cleron reference as prior art against the present and any continuing applications, and that the amendments entered in the present application are not necessary to distinguish the claims of the present application over the Cleron reference.

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